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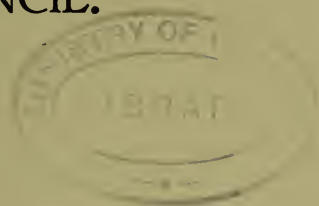
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NEW MILLS,

MAY 11th, 1925.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
HAYFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report for the year 1925.

By order of the Ministry of Health this is a Survey Report and deals with the health of the District during the past five years.

Natural and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area (in Acres) 10,282.

Population : Census, 1921, 4,520 ; Estimated, 1925, 4,312.

Number of Inhabited Houses, 1921, 1,221.

Number of families or separate occupiers, 1921, 1,184.

Rateable Value —

Hayfield, £20,942 ; Mellor, £10,740 ; Total, £31,682.

Gross product of 1d. rate, £132.

The elevation of the District is from 400 ft. to 2,000 ft. O.D.

Geology : Gritstone.

Area : Land, 10,217 acres ; Water, 65 acres :

Total, 10,282.

The chief occupations of the inhabitants are agricultural and textile.

Vital Statistics.

There were 60 deaths. The Death Rate was 13·91.

There were 54 births. The Birth Rate was 12·52.

There were 8 deaths of infants under 1 year of age, giving an Infantile Mortality figure of 148·1 per 1,000 births.

The Phthisis Pulmonalis Death Rate was ·23.

The above rates for the last five years are as follows :—

	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
Death Rate	10·84	12·6	10·17	11·55	13·91
Birth Rate ..	14·5	13·07	13·3	12·34	12·52
Infantile Mortality .	·44	·45	1·35	·68	·23
Phthisis Death Rate ..	·44	·45	1·35	·68	·23

Throughout the 5 years the Birth Rate is very low.

This year the Infantile Mortality figure is very high.

In 1923 it was exceptionally low. The sanitary condition of the District has improved since then and this high figure is certainly not due to insanitation. The above rates taking the average for the 5 years are quite satisfactory, with the exception of the Birth Rate

General Provision of Health Services in the District.

Hospitals.—Cases of Infectious Diseases including Small Pox are received at Chinley Isolation Hospital. Tuberculosis is provided for by a Sanatorium at Walton and a Pavilion at Penmore.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.—There are School and Tuberculosis Clinics at Chinley and an Infant Welfare Centre at Hayfield. At Bratby Hall there are about 50 beds for cases of Surgical Tuberculosis.

Nursing.—There is a District Nurse in Mellor, but none in Hayfield.

Ambulance Facilities.—

- (a) For Infectious cases, Isolation Hospital Ambulance.
- (b) For other cases, British Red Cross Ambulance.

Public Health Officers of the Council.

These are the Medical Officer of Health, who holds the Diploma of Public Health, and the Sanitary Inspector, who holds the Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute, and acts also as Inspector of Meat and other foods. Both are part-time officers, and contribution to their salaries is made under the Public Health Acts.

Midwives.—Two reside in Hayfield and one in Mellor.

Legislation in force.—

Bye-laws with respect to Slaughter-houses :

Adopted —Hayfield, August 28th, 1882.

Mellor, January 2nd, 1899.

Regulations of Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops :

March 26th, 1900.

Bye-laws with respect to Common Lodging-houses :

June 8th, 1903.

Bye-laws with respect to Tents, Vans, Sneds, etc. .

May 17th, 1920.

Bye-laws with respect to New Streets and Building :

September 15th, 1924.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water.

PARISH OF HAYFIELD.

This supply is constant, of sufficient quantity and excellent quality. It is derived from a spring on 105 acres of land at an altitude of over 1,300 ft.

PARISH OF MELLOR.

A supply of water of good quality has been purchased at Tarden, Mellor. The quantity being insufficient, a 5 inch main has been laid from the supply at Hayfield, with a service reservoir constructed to hold 65,000 gallons of water. The supplies in Mellor do not all yield water of good quality.

Number of houses supplied from public supplies: Hayfield, 598; Mellor, 121.

Rivers and Streams.

Pollution by trade effluents is controlled by the Mersey and Irwell Joint Committee and by the Rivers' Inspector of the Derbyshire County Council

Drainage and sewerage is satisfactory.

Closet Accommodation.

There are 756 water closets and 476 privy middens.

In the Parish of Hayfield there are only 2 houses with privy middens, that can (having adequate water supply, and sewerage) be converted to the water carriage system. During the past five years 87 privy-middens and pail closets have been converted to water closets.

Scavenging.

PARISH OF HAYFIELD.

Work carried out by carter under contract with the Council and workman employed direct by the Council.

PARISH OF MELLOR.

Carried out by Contractor under agreement.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

The Sanitary Inspector's Report is appended.

Smoke Abatement.

This is dealt with by the Sanitary Inspector under the Public Health Act, 1875.

Schools.

The Mellor School has no water supply.

The Sanitary condition of the District has been greatly improved during the past five years, and I congratulate the Council on having practically converted the district to the water carriage system so far as is at present possible; on having made provision for a water supply to Mellor; and in general, through your Sanitary Committee, on having kept a wary eye on the Public Health of your District.

Housing.*1—General Housing Conditions in the Area.*

HAYFIELD.

There is a house shortage in the Parish and 30 applications have been received for tenancy of houses.

The Council have under consideration a proposal to erect 20 houses.

MELLOR.

No shortage. Building is in progress by persons erecting houses for their own occupation.

2—Overcrowding is present only to a limited extent.

3—*Fitness of Houses.*

The general standard of housing is fair.

The chief defect is dampness.

Two houses were closed under the Housing Acts.

Housing Statistics for the year 1925.

Number of New Houses erected during the year :—

(a)	Total	13
(b)	With State Assistance under the Housing Acts	
1	By the Local Authority ...	0
2	By other bodies or persons .	11

1 Unfit dwelling-houses.

Inspection :

Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts	8
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2 Remedy of defects without service of formal notice 6

Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders	2
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Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	2
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Inspection and Supervision of Food.

(a) *Milk Supply.*

Samples of milk are procured for analysis by the Derbyshire County Council.

Six samples of milk have been taken where Tuberculosis was suspected. One cow was found to be yielding tuberculosis milk and the supply was stopped.

(b) Meat.

This is inspected by the Meat Inspector, both at the place of slaughter and at the shops. No arrangements have been made for the marking of meat.

**Prevalence of, and Control over Infectious Diseases.
Infectious Diseases Generally.**

Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria have been more prevalent during the five years under review than during the previous quinquennia 1916—1920, but in 1914 we had as many cases of Diphtheria as in the last five years.

The figures for Scarlet Fever are 109 as against 41

The figures for Diphtheria are 19 as against 10

99 of the Scarlet Fever cases were in Hayfield and 10 in Mellor.

13 of the Diphtheria cases were in Hayfield and 6 in Mellor.

Full use is made of the Bacteriological Laboratory at Derby for the examination of pathological and bacteriological specimens.

'Contact' cases of Diphtheria and of Scarlet Fever have been sought for and isolated, and thorough disinfection carried out. With this object the schools are visited as occasion arises.

Disinfection of premises is carried out by the Sanitary Inspector and infected clothing, bedding, etc., are dealt with at Chinley.

**Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during
the year 1925.**

Disease.	Total Cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Diphtheria 	5	5	1
Erysipelas	2		
Scarlet Fever 	20	17	
Enteric Fever 	1		
Acute Poliomyelitis 	1		

Tuberculosis.

Age Periods.	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		non-Pulm'ry		Pulmonary		non-Pulm'ry	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0								
1								
5								
10			1					
15			1					
20								
25	1				1			
35	4							
45	2							
55								
65 and upwards								
Total ...	7		2		1			

The ration of non-notified Tuberculosis deaths to total Tuberculosis deaths is as 0 to 1.

Maternity and Child Welfare.

An Infant Welfare Centre has been established in Hayfield and is well attended.

Your obedient servant,

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Medical Officer of Health.

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on the administration of the Factory and Workshops Act, 1901, in connection
with

FACTORIES WORKSHOPS & WORKPLACES.

1 Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors.
or Inspectors of Nuisances.

Premises. (1)	Number of	
	Inspections. (2)	Written Notices. (3)
FACTORIES (including Factory Laundries)...	8	0
WORKSHOPS (including Workshop Laundries)	10	0
Total ...	18	0

2.—Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces :—
None.

Outwork in Unwholesome Premises :—None.

Your obedient servant,

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Annual Report of Sanitary Inspector.

HAYFIELD RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT, 1925.

Name of Inspector ... EDMUND SWIFT,

Area of District 10,282 acres.
 Estimated number of Houses... .. 1,272
 New Houses erected, 1925 (by private enterprise) 13

Housing and Town Planning—

Number of Houses Inspected under Section 17 8
 Number unfit for Habitation 2
 Representations made to Local Authority as to closing orders ... 2
 Closing orders made 2
 Number Repaired without closing order or notice served 6
 Numbered Repaired Voluntarily 6
 Has a Scheme been prepared ? No.

Drainage—

Defective Waste Pipe, Traps,
 Inlets and Drains
 Drains Obstructed

Closets and Ashpits—

Defective Privies, Pail Closets &
 Ashpits (not for Conversion) ...
 Conversion of Privies into W.C.'s
 Conversion of Pail Closets into
 W.C.'s
 Defective Water Closets

Other Defects—

Windows
 Dampness... ..
 Water Supply
 Offensive Accumulations
 Animals improperly kept
 Pigsties
 Smoke Nuisances

Totals ...

Number of Informal Notices Served by Sanitary Inspector.	Number of Legal Notices Served by Local Authority.	Number of Nuisances Abated with or without Notice.
14		14
22	1	22
7		7
8		3
14		14
5		5
1		1
3		1
1		1
2	1	2
1	1	1
1	1	1
2		2
81	4	79

	Number on Register.	Inspections made.	Notices Served.	Nuisances Abated with or with out Notice.
Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops ...	55	68	2	2
Bakehouses	5	13		
Slaughterhouses	3	50		
Totals ...	63	131	2	2

Infected Rooms Disinfected—number 102. Method Sprayed & Fumigated.
 Samples submitted for examination. Water, 1 : Milk, 6.

(Signed)—E. SWIFT.

